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ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF HYDRO POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) has been completed at the downstream of all the hydro-electric projects being executed by National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited (NHPC) and North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited (NEEPCO) in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) : At present, NHPC Ltd. is executing Subansiri Hydro- electric Project (HEP) (2000 MW) and Northern Eastern Electric Power Corporation Ltd. (NEEPCO Ltd.) is executing Kameng HEP (600 MW) and Pare HEP (100MW) in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam. Both NHPC Ltd. and NEEPCO Ltd. have completed EIA for Subansiri HEP, and Kameng HEP and Pare HEP respectively, in accordance with MoEF guidelines and Environment clearance was accordingly given to these projects

However, as a special case, a study on `Downstream Impact of Subansiri Lower H.E. Project` has been awarded to Gauhati University by NHPC and the study is under progress.

NEEPCO Ltd. has requested IIT, Guwahati for undertaking a comprehensive study on hydro-meteorological aspects of Dikrong-Panyor Basin covering entire catchment for three seasons (viz., Pre- monsoon, Monsoon & Post-monsoon) and its impact in the downstream, which will also cover the additional impact on flood if any due to implementation of the on-going Pare H.E. Project in the Dikrong-Panyor Basin.

(c) : Does not arise.